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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 February 1967

Executive Director was in the chair. The Director was on the Hill.

DD/I reported on yesterday's briefing of the Mahon committee, which he felt had gone well.

DD/I said that the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy called an American University teacher specializing in Chinese military affairs in an effort to arrange an interview. He noted that similar attempts have been made to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York and to the Columbia and Harvard faculties. ADD/P said that we have reports of Soviet approaches to experts on China abroad.

Godfrey reported that the two U. S. destroyers in the Black Sea have encountered provocative harrassment from a Soviet oil tanker.

Godfrey noted that OCI has no information to support this morning's radio report on trouble in Manchuria.

Godfrey said that, as a result of the OB conference in Honolulu, the figures on Vietnamese irregulars will rise about 100,000 and that new uniform procedures for statistical OB reporting have been agreed upon. [] was the Agency delegate at the conference.

Kent provided background on the withdrawal Estimate for this afternoon's USIB meeting. DD/I will be in the chair, and Kent will be the CIA representative.

DD/S reported that a representative of the American Communist Party has asked NYU for equal time and space in connection with a scheduled Agency recruiting session. The Agency interviews will take place off campus.

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DD/S reported that the DD/S planning team for support to OCO will be returning from Saigon this weekend.

DD/S initiated a discussion on Idar Rimestad's visit to Headquarters yesterday. Executive Director said that Mr. Rimestad was complimentary about his briefings. He has asked Hank Knoche as the escorting officer to prepare a Memorandum for the Record.

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25X1 [REDACTED] for Warner noted favorable statements made on the Hill yesterday concerning the Agency's relations with NSA.

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Executive Director asked Houston to look into a situation of concern to Secretary Wirtz's office.

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Russian interest in establishing a tracking station in Australia. He will be involved in developing an interagency position. He said it now appears that the new Soviet spacecraft will be no heavier than the last.

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At the request of the Executive Director, Goodwin commented on the questions from newsmen concerning the Agency's relations with NSA. Goodwin noted that he is receiving many requests for briefings on Soviet activities among youth and student groups. Executive Director asked that Goodwin be given all the assistance he needs. He felt it would be counterproductive for the Agency to be put in the position of publicly attacking Ramparts magazine at this time and asked that this guidance be passed on. He considers that the official State Department statement together with the New York Times article by James Reston on 15 February will give Headquarters personnel proper understanding of the Agency-NSA problem.

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In reply to a question the Executive Director said that the Director has asked Warner to contact Representative Morgan personally concerning his scheduled appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee next week.



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